

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 17-08-31**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 28, 2017

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Thursday, August 31, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Thursday, August 31, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

General Introduction: This agenda is the Commission's agenda for the work week designated. In the beginning part of each week prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide website located at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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Action Items: All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Mandi)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of August 21, 2017.

2. Out-of-State Travel (Will)

Staff Requests approval for Graham Kilgariff to travel to Albuquerque, NM October 9-13, 2017 to attend the Center for Public Utilities Basics Course

**Work Sessions:** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2017.6.52 – NorthWestern Energy – Agreement for Provision of Electric Service Facilities between NorthWestern Corporation and Fergus Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Decide on whether to approve the agreement or not (08/31/17).
2. D2017.1.5 – TML Construction – In the Matter of Fox Hill Estates Water and Sewer. – Decide on whether to approve sale and transfer and final decision on standard rates (08/31/17).
3. D2016.9.68 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern Energy's Request for Authority to Change and Establish Natural Gas Delivery Service and Production Rates. – Decide and act on NorthWestern's request to permit tariff revisions to Schedules GTC-1 and AGTC-1 (08/31/17).

**Other Meetings:**

08/31/17 – 1:00 p.m. – Nemont Telephone Cooperative & Blackfoot Communications Presentations regarding High Cost Funding (Bollinger Conf. Rm.)

**Notice Items:** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments, either by mail or hand delivery, to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time via the PSC's public comment email, [psc\\_utilitycomment@mt.gov](mailto:psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov). A comment form may be downloaded at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

**Transportation Notice Items:** Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address: Montana Public Service Commission, Regulatory Division, PO Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620-2601 and postmarked by the deadline. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and

conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final decision on the application (including a decision by delegation of authority to Commission staff pursuant to established internal operating procedures) without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items:** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Protective Orders – Information Items:** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Information Items:** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week:**

1. D2017.8.67 – NorthWestern Energy – IN THE MATTER of the Petition of NorthWestern Energy for Authority to Issue Securities
2. N2017.8.68 – Public Service Commission – Biennial Review of Interconnection Requirements and Rules for Customer-Generators, ARM 38.5.8401 et seq.

**New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week:**